

INTRODUCTION

This booklet contains the “license law” relating to registered home inspectors in Wisconsin. It contains selected sections from the Wisconsin statutes and the administrative code of the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

The regulation of home inspectors was published as 1997 Wisconsin Act 81 on April 27, 1998, and the regulation became effective on November 1, 1998. The Secretary of the Department has appointed an advisory committee to assist the Department in developing policies and procedures relating to this regulation. Wisconsin Act 81 requires that the advisory committee shall consist of 6 home inspectors and 3 public members. The Secretary of the Department, or a person designated by the Secretary, shall serve as the nonvoting chairperson of the committee. Some members of the advisory committee may also assist the Department in screening complaints against registrants and in advising the Division of Enforcement concerning the investigation and prosecution of complaints.

The effective date of the administrative rules in this booklet, RL 131 to RL 135, is August 1, 1999. These rules were preceded by emergency rules which were effective from October 27, 1998 until July 31, 1999.

The Department of Regulation and Licensing is an umbrella agency which directly regulates some occupations and professions and which provides administrative services to various professional boards. Within the Department, the Bureau of Direct Licensing and Real Estate, provides administrative services relating to home inspectors.

Questions about the regulation of home inspectors may be directed to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Bureau of Direct Licensing and Real Estate, 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935.

The development of statutes and rules is ongoing. Therefore, these statutes and rules may be revised subsequent to the printing of this book. Most local libraries maintain current sets of the Wisconsin Statutes. Both statutes and rules are available at Web pages of the Wisconsin Legislature.

All Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Codes are available on the Internet at the following addresses:

Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/statutes.html>

Rules: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/codtoc.html>